MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY

FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 2, 2018/2019

MLL 2013 – MEDIA LAW

(All sections / Groups)

5 March 2019 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. (2 hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT:

- 1. This Question paper consists of 3 printed pages including the cover page.
- 2. Answer ALL FOUR (4) questions.
- 3. Please write all your answers in the Answer Booklet.
- 4. You must support your answer with case law and statutory provisions, where necessary.

QUESTION 1

(a) Intention to create legal relations is one of the basic elements of a valid and enforceable contract. Describe this element and support your answer with case law.

(10 marks)

(b) Jordan and Jasmine are husband and wife. Jordan is an engineer and is sent to South Africa by his company to oversee a project to build a dam. Jasmine follows Jordan to South Africa but after a few months, decides to return to Malaysia with her children, Samson and Delila. Jordan agrees and says he will pay Jasmine a sum of RM15,000.00 to Jasmine for the maintenance of the family, the education of their children and the payment of the mortgage towards the home that is jointly owned by them. Jasmine returns to Malaysia but unfortunately, Jordan does not send her the money as he promised. Advise Jasmine. Would your answer be different if Jordan and Jasmine were divorced?

(15 marks) TOTAL: 25 MARKS

QUESTION 2

In communicating over the internet or social networks, the rules of etiquette are as important as they are in the real world. Describe the definition of netiquette, the importance of it and the rules of good netiquette.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3

Tony Stark owns and runs a large medical research facility, Stark Corporation which as part of its work, tests pharmaceuticals on rats. This makes both Stark Corporation and Tony unpopular with several animal rights campaigners. Lois Lane is an animal rights campaigner. Whilst she is shopping at D'Pulze Mall, she sees Tony and recognises him. In a fit of anger, she screams at him "Murderer! Destroyer of tiny fluffy lives!" Many shoppers hear this outburst. Subsequently, Lois Lane who writes for a large national newspaper decides to write an article about Tony Stark Corporation. In that article, she asserts that Tony engages in widespread embezzlement within the company, taking money from the company's pension fund. Lois Lane knows that this is untrue as she invented the story. Finally, she writes another article for an online blog, stating that under Tony Stark's leadership, Stark Corporation has been failed in rating during its last animal welfare inspection due to abuse of animals. Advise Tony if he can bring a defamation action against Lois Lane. Discuss all the elements involved and defences to his action, if any.

(25 marks)

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QUESTION 4

Professor Lexy Kader is a lecturer teaching statistics in Multimedia University. She recently drafted a book on statistics with her own expert opinions and criticism of probability theory in obtaining possible results. She seeks your advice on how to protect her work. You must explain to her crucial issues in copyright law such as definitions, categories of work, elements and defences. You must also explain to her the relevant sections and case-law which would give her a clearer picture of copyright law in Malaysia.

(25 marks)

TOTAL: 100 Marks

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